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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM RAFAEL M. SALAS,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, UNFPA, TO AMBASSADOR SCALI, DATED
9 JANUARY 1974:

:"AS YOU KNOW, THE GOVERNING COUNCIL AT ITS 16TH
SESSION APPROVED UNFPA'S REQUEST FOR APPROVAL AUTHORITY
FOR THE YEAR 1974. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS AND OTHER
CONSIDERATIONS WHICH WE PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL AT
THAT TIME, THE FUND ESTABLISHED A 1974 FUND RAISING
TARGET OF \$54 MILLION. I HOPE THAT THE UNITED STATES,
WHICH HAS CONTRIBUTED SO GENEROUSLY TO THE FUND IN THE
PAST, WILL BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE A SHARE OF THIS COMPARABLE
TO THE PROPORTION IT BORE OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS THE FUND
RECEIVED IN 1973. THE LATTER, TOGETHER WITH PRELIMINARY
INDICATIONS OF OUR IMPLEMENTATION RATIO FOR THE YEAR,
APPEAR TO BE DIRECTLY IN LINE WITH THE FORECASTS WE
PRESENTED TO THE 16TH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL.

"IN ADDITION TO THE FACTORS UNDERLYING OUR FUND
RAISING TARGET OF \$54 MILLION FOR 1974 WHICH WE PRESENTED
TO THE COUNCIL IN JUNE 1973, SEVERAL FACTORS HAVE
RECENTLY EMERGED WHICH LEND ADDED IMPORTANCE TO RECEIV-
ING CONTRIBUTIONS IN AT LEAST THIS AMOUNT. IN THE FIRST
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PLACE, THE VOLUME OF WORTHWHILE PROJECT REQUESTS BEING

RECEIVED BY THE FUND HAS INCREASED STEEPLY AND SEEMS
LIKELY TO CONTINUE TO DO SO. WE ARE SUBJECTING ALL SUCH
REQUESTS, AND INDEED ALL REQUESTS WE RECEIVE, TO INCREASINGLY
SEVERE SCRUTINY TO ELIMINATE UNJUSTIFIED ELEMENTS. AT
THE SAME TIME, ON THE BASIS OF WHAT HAS ALREADY HAPPENED
IT IS QUITE CLEAR THAT THE DEMAND FOR OUR RESOURCES HAS
BEGUN TO OUTRUN THEIR SUPPLY IN A DRAMATIC MANNER.
IN ADDITION, IT IS A LAMENTABLE FACT THAT THE ACCELERATING
PROCESS OF INFLATION IN THE WORLD WILL IN SEVERAL WAYS
ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR ABILITY TO DELIVER REAL GOODS AND
SERVICES. EXCHANGE RATE CONSIDERATIONS TO A LESSER DEGREE
MAY ALSO HAVE AN ADVERSE AFFECT UPON OUR RESOURCE BASE.

"IN VIEW OF THESE FACTORS, I BELIEVE THAT THE UNITED
STATES COULD MAKE A FURTHER MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE
PROGRESS OF THE FUND'S PROGRAMME BY ANNOUNCING A PLEDGE
ALONG THE LINES I HAVE INDICATED ABOVE AT AN EARLY DATE
AND, IF POSSIBLE, AT THE TIME OF THE JANUARY SESSION OF
THE GOVERNING COUNCIL. SUCH AN ACTION ON THE PART OF
THE UNITED STATES WOULD, I BELIEVE, EXERT VERY CONSTRUC-
TIVE INFLUENCE ON OTHER DONORS."
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